

## Rhododendron Community Planning Organization

### Meeting Minutes

Al Forno Ferruzza Pizzeria

July 20, 2019 10:30 a.m.

#### Open Meeting:

Meeting was called to order at 10:31 by Mike Miskowicz. The board was introduced and it was determined a quorum was present. Steve Graeper made the announcement that he is turning the position of chair to Mike Miskowicz and will support him over the next couple meetings, then step down.

#### Secretary's Report:

The May 18<sup>th</sup> minutes were posted at the post office and distributed to the email list. Mike M. asked if there were any changes, corrections or additions to the distributed minutes.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Sharon Lamoreaux gave the treasurer's report. Since the last CPO meeting the general fund received \$255.70 in donations, \$150 from Clackamas County Annual reimbursement, \$860 for a t-shirt order and \$.48 in interest earned. Checks written were to Corporation division annual fee of \$50, Mt. Hood Oregon Resort room rental for \$72.60, post office annual fee of \$76 and the \$860 for the t-shirt order.

#### Ending Balances as of July 20, 2019

Rhody Rising Fund \$1203.39

General Fund \$2013.48

Garden Fund \$217.17

Balance of \$3434.04

Land Use Applications: none at this time.

Steve Ferruzza attempted to purchase the Log Lodge at one point but the purchase did not happen. The Log Lodge is still owned by Annie Gotsie and ?. Susie K expressed concerns about the Skyway, stating that it attracts unwanted noise, lights and traffic near her home and questions whether the RCPO can have an impact on this. Steve responded that CPO's can deal with community enhancement issues and report to the county but it has no real authority to create change, it needs to be a conversation.

#### Old Business:

The RCPO general fund received \$700 for our support in the Revel Marathon.

Mike and Lyn Miskowicz, Merv and Barbara Novinger and Michelle Lamoreaux mow, weed and water the Rhododendron Garden. Attendees at the meeting expressed concern about the use of chemicals in the fertilizers and products used in the garden and it was requested they no longer be used. Steve Ferruzza

made a motion to refrain from the use of any commercial and garden products containing chemicals in the garden and Melanie Farnsworth seconded, none opposed. Novingers mentioned planting more Rhododendrons and spreading more Hemlock bark this fall. Indigenous plants may possibly be purchased at Echo Glen.

Road clean-up- Melanie will approach the owners of the barn across from the garden, east side of Thia's place, about cleaning up their area. Thanks were made to those who have been contributing to the CPO from Carol, Melanie, Judy and Steve and Mike M..

Chamber news- Chamber meets the first Tuesday of each month. Mike attended the last meeting and SCORE, a government program to aid people in need, was discussed.

CCCO Summit- meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. Steve attends and stated that 5 county commissioners presented at the last meeting. Martha Schrader will be at the September meeting. There are 38 CPO's in the county, 28 of which are active. All are invited to the summit and typically about 15 attend. They focused on code-enforcement as a result of the May meeting in which short-term vacation rentals on Mt. Hood were discussed. Some topics were to educate property owners about regulations. The Forest Service is monitoring cabin owners attempting to rent. If property owners don't carry rental insurance their places will most likely not be covered in the case of a claim. The Planning Commission has information on their website.

#### New Business:

Linnny Adamson- August 10<sup>th</sup> the Steiner Cabin Tour will start at the RV Park in Hoodland where it will provide as base camp. Cabins in Rhododendron will be displayed next summer, 2020.

Mike Miskowicz- The Huckleberry Half Marathon will pay the RCPO \$20 for each registration that is made through the CPO. It will start near Subway and run the Salmon River road loop. They will be recruiting volunteers and Mike will chair the volunteer list, emailing more information out on the run soon.

Steve- Plans are to celebrate Rhododendron's birthday next summer in sync with the Steiner Tour. Bob Phillips made a motion to assemble a subcommittee from RCPO to organize the event and Melanie seconded the motion. Bob Phillips, Melanie Farnsworth, Steve Ferruzza, Linnny Adamson and Michelle Lamoreaux all volunteered to be the committee and met briefly after the CPO meeting. Anyone interested, contact the RCPO.

#### Rhody Rising Subcommittee Report:

The gateway entry sign is in progress, **thanks to Humberston and Bernard**. Once the sign is in place, because the CPO requested and installed it maintenance will be up to the CPO. If the sign is not maintained ODOT can remove it. Steve will apply for grants to help fund the sign and the county will decide the requirements needed to build it. The ODOT Growth Management Plan will be presented to the community by Steve Graeper and Scott Fisher. Sharon Lamoreaux expressed that the focus should be on the beautification and safety of Rhododendron, to embrace what we already have and not push for new development (in reference to an article in the Sandy Post). Susie also expressed concern and Steve G. agreed.

RR logo needs to have a license agreement put in place to secure it. Steve G. has approached Lewis and Clark Law to write up a legal document to pursue ownership of our logo.

Judy Graeper spoke about t-shirt and cap sales and would like to have a booth at the Sandy Farmers Market in August and September. Melanie made a motion to let her set up a booth and Leslie seconded. The cost of the booth, \$45, will come out of the RR fund. Carol suggested setting up a booth in Rhododendron and Steve F. asked about selling other products at the same time, the idea was tabled at this time.

Next RCPO meeting will be September 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30, location to be determined.